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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 42 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-22, 25-39, 41 and 43-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 23, 24 and 40 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-41, 43-52 are pending. This action is in response to the election filed 7/29/2004. Applicant has elected group I, consisting of claims 1-41, 43-52.

2. In absence of Applicant's timely filed traversal argument, the election is considered with no traverse by the Examiner. Therefore, Claim 42 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected group.

3. Applicant is reminded that non-elected claim(s) need to be explicitly canceled, as one step to prepare the case for allowance.

4. Claims 3, 50, 52 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 3 recites "as least" which appears to be "at least". Claims 50, 52 recite "is associated with" which appear to be "are associated with". Appropriate corrections are required.

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-11, 13-22, 25-39, 41, 43-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharrit et al (U. S. Pat. 5,999,990) in view of Savitzky et al (U. S. Pat. 5,337,412).

As to claim 1, Sharrit teaches

a reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus (communicator 10) comprising a plurality of kernels (configurations of reconfigurable resource units RRUs);

a plurality of software objects (library of configuration files) including a first subset of said software objects (one set / different set of processing functions), each software object in said first subset of said software objects associated with (used to configure RRUs) a different kernel in said plurality of kernels so that a change to a software object (new / updated configuration files, col. 4, lines 14-15) in said first subset of said software objects results in a change in said kernel (RRUs restructure themselves in accordance with the configuration information) associated with said software object. See col. 1, line 54. – col. 2, line 58.

While Sharrit provides a virtual machine interface (dynamically reconfigured RRUs) for the reconfigurable wireless (col. 10, lines 46-50) network communication apparatus (communicator), Sharrit does not teach that the plurality of software objects are packaged into an object-oriented virtual machine interface.

Savitzky teaches packaging the plurality of software objects (components / objects, col. 3, lines 60-63) into an object-oriented virtual machine interface (REST object-oriented application framework, col. 3, lines 33-55) for a reconfigurable (capable of communicating with almost any remote machine) network communication apparatus. Col. 5, lines 24-67.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to package the plurality of software objects into an object-oriented virtual machine interface for the reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus in Sharrit. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of Sharrit and Savitzky because Sharrit desires incorporating new services to reconfigure resources (col. 5, lines 52-57) and Savitzky provides a mechanism to do so (col. 21, line 65 – col. 22, line 8).

As to claim 2, Sharrit teaches said plurality of software objects includes a second subset (library of configuration files) of said software objects, each software object in said second subset of said software objects having at least one adjustable attribute (new / updated configuration files, one set / different set of processing functions). Col. 1, line 54 – col. 2, line 58.

As to claim 3, sharrit teaches at least one adjustable attribute is a static or dynamic attribute (dynamically altered processing). Col. 1, lines 56-59.

As to claim 4, teaches a kernel in said plurality of kernels is configurable in accordance with a communication protocol (transmit/receive signals into/from wireless communication channel). Col. 2, lines 6-11.

As to claims 5-8, CDMA and its variations: IS-95 CDMA, IS-95B CDMA, CDMA TIA IS2000, TIA IS 2000A, WCDMA, cdma2000, and ARIB WCDMA, and TDMA and its variations such as IS-136 TDMA are well known wireless communication protocols. Therefore, it would have been obvious to support these protocols/configurations in the communicator of Sharrit.

As to claim 9, Sharrit teaches a software object in said plurality of software objects is a searcher object, a code generation unit object (linkage functionality, col. 5, lines 56-57) or a finger object. It is noted that the three alternatives linked by "or" is interpreted as requiring only one alternative.

As to claim 10, Sharrit teaches a software object in said plurality of software objects is a matched filter object or a combiner object (combine RRUs/functions, col. 8, lines 17-40). It is noted that the two alternatives linked by "or" is interpreted as requiring only one.

As to claim 11, uplink and downlink are typical functions of wireless communication. Sharrit teaches configuring the communicator to implement various functions of wireless communication. Therefore, it would have been obvious to implement uplink and downlink functions, with corresponding software objects, in Sharrit.

As to claim 13, note discussion of claim 1. Further, Sharrit as modified by Savitzky provides virtual machine (Savitzky, object-oriented application framework, col. 3, lines 33-55).

As to claims 14-15, note discussions of claims 2-3, respectively.

As to claim 16, Sharrit as modified by Savitzky teaches (Savitzky, object-oriented application framework) an application program interface comprising a plurality of software routines (API of classes), each software routine in said plurality of software routines representing a different communication protocol (machine models), wherein said plurality of software routines comprise software calls to said plurality of software

objects (API); and an application program comprising software calls to said plurality of software routines (application layer 140). Col. 5, line 23 – col. 6, line 64.

As to claims 17, 20, Sharrit teaches compiling functionality (linkage functionality, col. 5, lines 56-57). Therefore, it would have been obvious to use a compiler to provide such functionality. Further, JIT compiler for JVM was well known at the time when the present application was filed. Translating is a default function of a typical compiler.

As to claims 18, 21, Sharrit teaches resource allocator (resource allocation unit) configured to receive said machine-readable instructions and issue a signal/command to configure a kernel in said plurality of kernels. Col. 7, lines 14-67.

As to claim 19, Sharrit as modified by Savitzky teaches (Savitzky) application program for utilizing said plurality of software objects (application layer 140, Col. 5, line 23 – col. 6, line 64).

As to claim 22, note discussion of claims 9 and 11.

As to claims 25-28, note discussions of claims 5-8.

As to claim 29, it is basically a method claim of claim 1, thus note discussion of claim 1. Sharrit as modified by Savitzky further teaches reconfigurable multi-protocol communication (Sharrit, support new and modified signal formats, support wireline and wireless communications, col. 8, lines 45-51; col. 10, lines 46-50), interconnect structure (Savitzky, framework, fig. 2), and attribute value (Sharrit, processing functions, col. 2, lines 35-50; Savitzky, component's state, fig. 7).

As to claim 30, Sharrit as modified by Savitzky teaches a hierarchical relationship (class hierarchies of the OO framework).

As to claim 31, Sharrit as modified by Savitzky teaches (Savitzky) an application Program (application layer) that includes software calls (APIs) to said plurality of software objects.

As to claims 32, 34, the reconfigurable hardware and software of the system of Sharrit as modified by Savitzky provides a virtual execution environment for each combination of application and communication protocol, ie, providing a software virtual machine. Sharrit as modified by Savitzky teaches issuing an instruction for controlling a kernel in said plurality of kernels (controller, user). Such instruction being issued from

the software virtual machine / environment would have been an obvious choice in view of the system architecture of Sharrit as modified by Savitzky which interfaces a user and the system hardware resources.

As to claim 33, note discussion of claim 17.

As to claim 34, Sharrit as modified by Savitzky teaches issuing, from said software virtual machine, an instruction for controlling a kernel in said plurality of kernels.

As to claim 35, note discussion of claim 16.

As to claim 36, note discussion of claim 16.

As to claim 37, it is basically a program product claim of claim 29, thus note claim 29 for discussion. Note the equivalence of instantiating/creating.

As to claim 38, note discussion of claim 35 and the equivalence of plurality of standards / plurality of protocols.

As to claim 39, note discussion of claim 9 for code generation unit object. Because search, finger, uplink and downlink are typical functions of wireless communication. Sharrit teaches configuring the communicator to implement various functions of wireless communication. Therefore, it would have been obvious to implement search, finger, uplink and downlink functions, with corresponding software objects, in Sharrit as modified.

As to claim 41, note discussion of claim 5.

As to claim 43, it is basically a method claim of claim 1 and thus note claim 1 for discussion. Sharrit as modified by Savitzky further teaches (Savitzky) parsing an application program that designates a communication protocol (application services, col. 7, line 21 – 50). Producing machine readable data is a necessary step to realize the control/reconfiguration functions of Sharrit as modified.

As to claim 44, it is covered by claim 1, thus note claim 1 for discussion.

As to claims 45, 48, Sharrit teaches function or procedure (library, discussion of claim 1).

As to claim 46, note discussion of claim 43.

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As to claim 47, note discussion of claim 44 and Savitzky teaches object-oriented virtual machine module (discussion of claim 1).

As to claims 49-52, Sharrit as modified teaches (Savitzky, fig. 2) one software object objects is associated with at least two kernels and at least two kernels are associated with one software object in that one application can output to more than one devices (copier and fax) and more than one application can access the same device (such as fax machine).

8. Claims 12, 23, 24, 40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue Lao whose telephone number is (571) 272-3764. A voice mail service is also available at this number. The examiner's supervisor, SPE Meng-Ai An, can be reached on (571) 272 3756. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, from 9AM to 5PM. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872 9306.

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